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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THROUGH:

SUBJECT:

Non-Ferrous Metals Complex, China

REFERENCE:

Requirement No. NSA/SOC/R-2/70
NPIC Project No. 250532

1. In response to the above referenced requirement, a search was made of the area within a radius of 30 nautical miles (nm) of the geographic coordinates 38-19N 101-57E to locate a metallurgical complex other than the complex at Yung-Chang, China (38-29-30N 102-12-00E).

2. The following metallurgical industries were found within the search area:

a. Iron Plant (38-22-00N 102-04-40E): consists of ten small probable blast furnaces which are abandoned and are being dismantled, a conveyor system, one water tower, and two probable ore preparation buildings. The plant is located just north of the main rail line and on the same rail spur leading to Yung-Chang Thermal Powerplant

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b. Iron Plant (38-21-05N 102-03-40E): consists of two probable blast furnaces, a conveyor system, ore storage bins, two cooling ponds under construction, and eight small support buildings. The plant does not appear operational and construction continues in the transloading areas. A housing area containing 18 barracks and two support buildings is located immediately to the northwest. The plant is located on a rail spur south of the main rail line and opposite the rail spur leading to Yung-Chang Mining and Ore Processing Complex. The rail spur terminates at a mining area approximately 0.8 nm southeast of the iron plant. No associated electronics or communications equipment could be identified at either plant.

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3. Yung-Chang Mining and Ore Processing Complex [redacted] located approximately 17 nm northeast of Yung-Chang, contains a non-ferrous metals industry specifically a copper smelter and refinery with a byproducts processing area. This plant was constructed later than the mining and ore processing area located 3 nm to the southwest on the same rail spur. Construction of the copper industry began in [redacted] and was completed by about [redacted]

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4. Questions concerning this project may be directed to the imagery analyst, [redacted] of the China, North Korea Branch, EGD/IEG, on extension [redacted] This project is considered to be complete.

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